

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## (Caption of Case)

Application of May River Water Company, Inc. for  
Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications  
of Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of  
Water Service

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## COVER SHEET

DOCKET  
NUMBER: 2010 - 132 - W

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☐ Sewer  
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## NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)

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December 21, 2010

**Via Hand Delivery**

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of May River Water Company, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates  
and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions for the  
Provision of Water Service  
**Docket No. 2010-132-W**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find the original Exhibits JH-1 through JH-5 to the Pre-filed Direct Testimony of Joseph Highsmith.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A.



Margaret M. Fox

MMF/rwm  
Attachments

cc: Parties of Record

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Water & Wastewater Technical Specialist

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Office: 843 816-0441  
waterbaron@earthlink.net

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**Proposal**

**To: May River Plantation Owners' Association**  
**Attn: Joe Highsmith**

**Subject: Distribution license coverage**

**Date: December 2, 2010**

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Per our conversations, I will be pleased to act as "**Operator of Record**" for you water system for a base sum of \$300/mo.

This will include weekly inspections. I will maintain weekly records of your master meter readings and document any water main repairs. I will also flush the lines and exercise the valves annually. You will receive a summary report with each month's invoice.

Also included is bacteriological testing by General Environmental Labs. (I am passing through their charge of \$100/mo. that includes sampling and regulatory reporting.)

*Not included in the base service charge is reading individual meters. I will be pleased to read meters and maintain records for an additional \$120 per meter reading cycle and will provide you with a usage report for each property on a consolidated spreadsheet.*

*There may be up to an additional \$300 set up fee if it is necessary for me to generate an operations manual, valve map or other necessary documentation as required by DHEC.*

I do not anticipate any need to increase my rates in the coming year, however if General Environmental Labs raises their rates, I will have no choice but to pass on any increase.

Please contact me if this proposal meets your needs.

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2010-132-W**

IN RE:

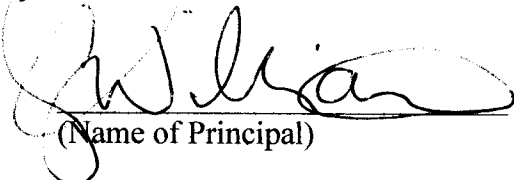
Application of May River Water  
Company, Inc. for adjustment of  
Rates and charges for the provision  
Of water service.

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) **AFFIDAVIT OF** Charles Williams  
) (Name of Principal)  
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Personally appeared before me, Charles F. Williams who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

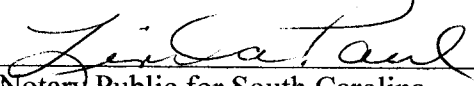
1. I am a citizen and resident of the State of South Carolina, am in excess of eighteen years of age and am competent to make this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
2. I am the Sole Proprietor of Chuck Williams Company, which provides 'D' Operator services for private water systems in South Carolina.
3. On December 2, 2010, I issued, on behalf of The Chuck Williams Company, a proposal to May River Plantation Owners Association for the management of the water system currently owned and operated by May River Water Company of Savannah, GA and located in Bluffton, South Carolina. A copy of the Proposal is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit JH-1.
4. As indicated in the Proposal, Chuck Williams Company would charge \$ 300 per month for the management of the May River Plantation subdivision water system.

Signature

  
(Name of Principal)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 7 day of December, 2010

  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: DECEMBER 8, 2010

**WADE & ASSOCIATES, LLC**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**Exhibit  
JH-2**

W. MITCHELL WADE, CPA  
CHRISTOPHER M. LINKIMER, CPA\*

MEMBERS  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
\*ALSO LICENSED IN GEORGIA

December 6, 2010

Homeowners Association Board  
May River Plantation  
41 Pine View Drive  
Bluffton, South Carolina 29910

Dear Joe:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal to your homeowner association for the water service.

The basic services indicated below will be provided at a base fee of \$ 100.00 per billing (bi-monthly). Any services not listed below will be billed to the regime at rate of \$50 per hour.

- Billing and statements to all owners on a bi-monthly basis (preferably electronically).
- Receipt and deposit of all payments by the end of the day following receipt.
- Statements sent as needed to owners carrying a balance.
- Routine reports to you or the person chosen as the contact person.

Joe, I don't know how the POA is currently being handled, but we would also appreciate the opportunity to prepare a quote on that as well. I assume your POA is on a semi-annual or annual-billing cycle, and that might be something we could incorporate into the price quoted above.

We will look forward to hearing from you after this is reviewed.

Sincerely,



W. Mitchell Wade, CPA

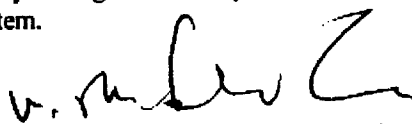
**BEFORE  
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SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2010-132-W**

IN RE: )  
)  
Application of May River Water ) **AFFIDAVIT OF W. Mitchell Wade**  
Company, Inc. for adjustment of ) (Name of Principal)  
Rates and charges for the provision )  
of water service. )

Personally appeared before me, W. Mitchell Wade who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am a citizen and resident of the State of South Carolina, am in excess of eighteen years of age and am competent to make this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
2. I am the President of Wade and Associates, I.L.C, which provides full service accounting and tax services in the State of South Carolina.
3. On December 6, 2010, I issued, on behalf of Wade and Associates, a proposal to May River Plantation Owners Association for bi-monthly billing services for the water system currently owned and operated by May River Water Company of Savannah, GA and located in Bluffton, South Carolina. A copy of the Proposal is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit JH-2.
4. As indicated in the Proposal, Wade and Associates, LLC would charge \$ 100 per bi-monthly billing for the May River Plantation subdivision water system.

Signature

  
W. Mitchell Wade

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME**

This 27 day of December, 2010

  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DECEMBER 27, 2017

## **Proposal**

### **LAWSON ENVIRONMENTAL**

1154 Levy Road

Hardeeville, SC

Office: 843 312-2113

coosawtodd@gmail.com

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**To: May River Plantation Owners' Association**

**Attn: Joe Highsmith**

**Date: November 23, 2010**

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Mr. Highsmith,

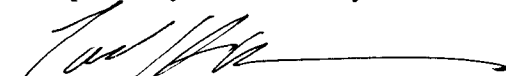
We propose to perform the following services for your Association's water system for the monthly sum of \$179.

- Provide 'D' Operator or better licensing for your well.
- Inspect well and equipment weekly in accordance with SC State requirements.
- Collect monthly coliform water test and deliver to testing lab.
- Implement and perform system flushing program in accordance with SC State requirements.
- Exercise valves in accordance with SC state requirements.

In addition, we will read all individual water meters bi-monthly and transmit readings to book keeper for a per instance charge of \$115.

If required, we will produce a Standard Operating Procedure Manual, Emergency Response Plan, and a Sample Site Plan for the onetime charge of \$150.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Todd Lawson

Lawson Environmental

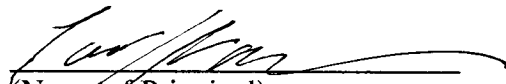
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IN RE: )  
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Application of May River Water ) **AFFIDAVIT OF Todd Lawson**  
Company, Inc. for adjustment of ) (Name of Principal)  
Rates and charges for the provision )  
of water service. )

Personally appeared before me, Todd Lawson who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am a citizen and resident of the State of South Carolina, am in excess of eighteen years of age and am competent to make this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
2. I am the Sole Proprietor of Larson Environmental, which provides 'D' Operator services for private water systems in South Carolina.
3. On November 23, 2010, I issued, on behalf of Lawson Environmental Company, a proposal to May River Plantation Owners Association for the management of the water system currently owned and operated by May River Water Company of Savannah, GA and located in Bluffton, South Carolina. A copy of the Proposal is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit JH-3.
4. As indicated in the Proposal, Lawson Environmental would charge \$ 179 per month for the management of the May River Plantation subdivision water system and \$115, per instance to read all member meters.

Signature

  
(Name of Principal)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 7 day of December, 2010

  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: DECEMBER 8, 2010



**Exhibit  
JH-4**



**PAUL GOOD PLUMBING, INC.**

December 7, 2010

May River POA  
P. O. Box 836  
Bluffton, SC 29910

Dear Sir:

This letter is to confirm that Paul Good Plumbing will be on call 24/7 to take care of any problems associated with existing water system.

Terms to be on call will be \$100.00 per month. Any work done will be \$75.00 per man plus material and sales tax.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call to discuss. My mobile number is 384-5851.

Cordially,

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**Paul Good**

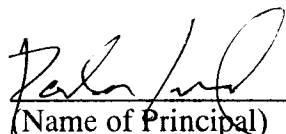
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IN RE: )  
)  
Application of May River Water ) **AFFIDAVIT OF Paul Good**  
Company, Inc. for adjustment of ) (Name of Principal)  
Rates and charges for the provision )  
of water service. )

Personally appeared before me, Paul Good who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am a citizen and resident of the State of South Carolina, am in excess of eighteen years of age and am competent to make this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
2. I am the President of Paul Good Plumbing, Inc., which provides general plumbing services to Southern Beaufort County.
3. On December 7, 2010, I issued, on behalf of Paul Good Plumbing, Inc., a proposal to May River Plantation Owners Association for the provision of on call repair service for the May River Plantation water system currently owned and operated by May River Water Company of Savannah, GA and located in Bluffton, South Carolina. A copy of the Proposal is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit JH-4.
4. As indicated in the Proposal, Lawson Environmental would charge \$ 100 per month for the provision of this service to the May River Plantation subdivision water system.

Signature

  
(Name of Principal)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 7 day of December, 2010

  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: DECEMBER 8 2010

## **General Environmental Laboratories, Inc.**

P.O. Box 21866  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29925  
Phone 843.208.2006  
Fax 843.208.2006

121 Mead Road  
Suite 3  
Hardeeville, SC 29937

Robert Brewer  
May River Plantation Owner's Association  
PO Box 836  
Bluffton, SC 29910  
**12/9/10**

Dear Mr. Brewer,

General Environmental Laboratories, Inc. is pleased to extend May River Plantation the price for Total Coliform (MF), Method SM9222B at \$75.00 per sample. This price includes sample container, chain of custody, monthly bacteriological sample report to SC DHEC and client. This price does not include sampling. Standard turnaround time is 7 to 10 business days. Accelerated turnaround time is provided with a surcharge. Bacteriological samples are not accepted on Friday unless arrangements are made in advance. Samples received after 3:30pm and weekends will carry a surcharge of \$100.00. Standard payment terms are Net 10 days with an approved credit application. Price's are subject to change January 2011. Thank you for the opportunity to allow General Environmental Laboratories, Inc. to provide you with a quote. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sheila Patel

BEFORE  
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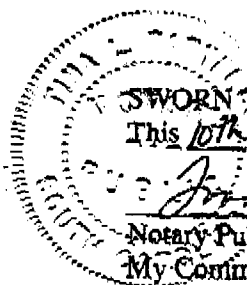
AFFIDAVIT OF Sheila Patel  
(Name of Principal)

Personally appeared before me, Sheila Patel who, after being duly sworn,  
deposes and states as follows:

1. I am a citizen and resident of the State of South Carolina, am in excess of eighteen years of age and am competent to make this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
2. I am the manager of General Environmental Laboratories, Inc., which provides water quality testing services in South Carolina.
3. On December 9, 2010, I issued, on behalf of General Environmental Laboratories, Inc., a proposal to May River Plantation Owners Association for monthly coliform testing of the water of the system currently owned and operated by May River Water Company of Savannah, GA and located in Bluffton, South Carolina. A copy of the Proposal is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit JH-4.
4. As indicated in the Proposal, General Environmental laboratories, Inc. would charge \$ 75 per month to test the May River Plantation well water for coliform bacteria from samples taken by others.

Signature

Sheila Patel  
Sheila Patel  
(Name of Principal)



SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 10th day of December, 2010

J. L. Patterson

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires:

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DECEMBER 27, 2017

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2010-132-W

IN RE: Application of May River Water Company, Inc. )  
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Modification to Certain Terms and Conditions )  
for the Provision of Water Service )

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**CERTIFICATE OF  
SERVICE**

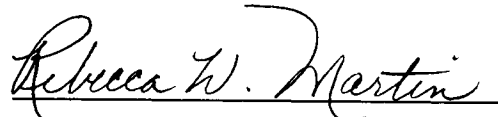
I, Rebecca W. Martin, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the attached original Exhibits of the Direct Testimony of Joseph Highsmith upon the following parties causing said copies to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and properly affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

Thomas A. Smith, III, Manager  
May River Water Company, Inc.  
Post Office Box 13705  
Savannah, Georgia 31416

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December 21, 2010

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